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Re:

In the Matter of the Application of Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc., and UBET Telecom, Inc., for an Order of the Commission Approving the Combination, Merger and Consolidation of UBET Telecom, Inc., and Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc., Docket No. 04-053-03.

Dear Mr. Hansen:

We are in receipt of your Data Requests No. 2 and 3. With the Commission's denial of your Request for Reconsideration, however, its Order determining that the merger is in the public interest, and approving the same, is final. As such, there is no provision for additional discovery under the Public Service Commission's Rules nor the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure. Further, UBTA-UBET does not believe that any such discovery is, or will be, relevant to any future proceedings in this matter. Should an appeal of the Commission's Order be filed with the Utah Supreme Court there is no provision for additional discovery nor is such discovery permitted.

UBTA-UBET believes that any appeal of the Commission's Order would be wholly without merit. Such an appeal may, however, delay implementation of the merger and, thus, deny 17,000 subscribers in the Vernal, Roosevelt and Duchesne exchanges the benefits of membership in the cooperative. Further, unlike the governmental entities with whom you have previously dealt, UBTA-UBET is a business owned by its members. As such, an appeal of the Commission's Order will also require UBTA-UBET to expend financial resources that would otherwise be available to benefit the members and subscribers.

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UBTA-UBET believes that it is fundamentally unfair for one person to deny the opportunity to 17,000 subscribers to become members of the cooperative and to unnecessarily force it to expend financial resources which would otherwise benefit the members and subscribers, particularly when the merger has been unanimously endorsed by UBTA-UBET Board of Directors and is so widely supported in the Uintah Basin.

As a reminder, you are not required to become a member of the cooperative. Whether you are a member or not will have no impact on the rates that you pay for, or the quality of, the telecommunications services provided to you by UBTA-UBET. Should you have any questions regarding the quality of services provided by UBTA-UBET or your rates and charges associated therewith, please feel free to contact a customer service representative at UBTA-UBET.

Very truly yours,

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